GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:157
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2006
PROBLEM OF DRINKING WATER IN MEGA CITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government is aware of the drinking water problem in the metro cities and also the culturally important cities of the country;

(b) If so, the extent to which the target set for provision of drinking water during the Tenth Plan for such cities has been achieved; and

(c) The steps proposed to be taken to improve the position further?

Answer

MISNISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 157 FOR 1.12.2006 REGARDING PROBLEM OF DRINKING WATER IN MEGA CITIES.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Water Supply is a State subject. The State Governments and Urban Local Bodies

(ULBs) are responsible to ensure adequate safe drinking water supply to urban population. The Government of India supplements the efforts of State Government and ULBs by providing technical and financial assistance through Centrally Sponsored Scheme/ Programme. It is mentioned in 10th Five Year Plan document that resources amounting to Rs.28240 crore approximately would be required to provide water supply facility to 100% urban population. As per the information furnished by the State Governments and ULBs, it has been assessed that 91% of Urban population has got access to drinking water as on 31st March, 2004.

(c): To bring about comprehensive water management programmes, Government of India has undertaken various steps through reform approach.These steps will address the issues relating to source, transmission, equitable distribution, reduction in unaccounted for water, institutional strengthening, cost recovery, efficient operation & maintenance etc. To improve availability of drinking water to urban population in metropolitan and culturally important cities in the country, Government of India have launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) & Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) in December, 2005.